

SENATE RESOLUTION 112
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mario Reed, Millington Central High School student.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize young persons, who despite hardship exhibit tremendous stamina and courage; and

WHEREAS, Mario Reed, a sophomore at Millington High School, is clearly one such extraordinary person, who suffered extensive injuries in a September 12, 1997 football game against Houston High School; and

WHEREAS, although currently a quadriplegic, he is extremely determined to overcome his injuries and to walk again; and

WHEREAS, the son of Winnie Reed and the late Henry Thompson, Mario was born on April 12, 1982, in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, his mother, his brother, David, and his sister, LaTonya, are very proud of Mario and the outstanding example he sets for others; and

WHEREAS, he is highly respected and admired by the administration, students and faculty at Millington High School; and

WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the "Volunteer State", the members of the Germantown football team who do not personally know him, have raised \$6,000 toward their goal of \$7,000 to aid in his recovery; and

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WHEREAS, on April 18, 1998, the Mario Reed Foundation will hold a benefit to show their support and concern for Mario, and to help with his continuing medical expenses. The event, to be held at the William Osteen Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Millington Central High School, is jointly sponsored by the Foundation, WMC TV Channel 5, Corkey's Bar-B-Q, Coca-Cola of Memphis, and Millington High School; and

WHEREAS, typically, Mario has tried to reassure the many persons who are concerned stating "I want everyone to know, I am doing fine"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are proud to salute this noble young person and express our best wishes for his continued progress; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Mario Reed for his heroic fight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause deleted from such copy.